

*Meets with Jersey Shore Elected Officials and Business Owners to discuss local concerns*

Long Beach Island, NJ - On Saturday, Congressman John Adler hosted a "Shore Tour" on Long Beach Island in Ocean County. Joined by numerous LBI Mayors and Councilmen, Congressman Adler called for increased beach replenishment funds, and spoke with local residents and business owners about the local economy. Beginning at the Long Beach Township Municipal Building, Congressman Adler and local officials walked along the beach for approximately one mile and visited local small businesses.

Congressman Adler and local elected officials, called on Congress to direct beach replenishment funds to South Jersey. Later this year, Congress will take steps to pass the Energy and Water Bill that includes funding for beach replenishment projects. Congressman Adler has consistently called on the Obama Administration to fund projects that are essential to Ocean County.

"Ocean County residents pay too much in taxes, and deserve their fair share in dollars back from the federal government," Congressman Adler said. "Our beaches play an important role in the local economy, and I am working in Congress to pass a bill that will protect our shores."

Congressman Adler also met with local business owners and answered questions about the recovery package, health care reform, and green energy grants.

"I want to thank Congressman Adler for organizing the LBI Shore Tour," Mayor Mancini said. "It is important that elected officials stay in touch with the residents and business owners that we serve, and Saturday's meetings were informative. We know our businesses are struggling in this tough economy. Congressman Adler and I will continue to work on their behalf on the local and federal level to achieve the funding necessary for our Beach Replenishment project."

Congressman Adler was joined on the shore tour by: Mayor Joseph Mancini (Long Beach Township), Mayor Kirk Larsen (Barnegat Light), Councilman Peter Hartney (Surf City), Councilman Jim Russell (Surf City), Mayor William Huelsenbeck (Ship Bottom), Mayor Michael Battista (Beach Haven), and Commissioner Ralph Bayard (Long Beach Township).